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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE, JERUSALEM INFO ALGIERS,
CAIRO, JIDDA, RABAT, TRIPOLI, TUNIS, TEL AVIV FROM AMMAN
FEB 15:

QUOTE S E C R E T AMMAN 0909

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R)

SUBJ: PRESS GUIDANCE ON SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH CHIEFS OF MISSION

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1. EMB HAD QUERIES FROM AFP AND REUTERS PROMPTED BY FRONT
PAGE BOXED NEWS ITEM IN AMMAN DAILY AR-RAI TODAY STATING SECY
WILL HAVE COM MEETING HERE WITH "ALL U.S. AMBASSADORS
ACCREDITED TO ARAB NATIONS."

2. AGENCIES SEEK CLARIFICATION OF THIS PUBLISHED REPORT
IN VIEW OF RECENT MIDDLE EAST NEWS AGENCY DESPATCH INDICATING
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CAIRO AS VENUE.

3. EMB HAS RESPONDED REFERRING INQUIRIES TO DEPT AND
SECRETARY'S TRAVELLING PARTY AS MOST LEGITIMATE SOURCE ON STORY.

4. AS IMPLIED IN PARA 3 REFTTEL, WE ASSUME DEPT SPOKESMAN
OR TRAVELING PARTY WOULD PREFER TO HANDLE INITIAL COMMENT

ON THIS POINT. WE WOULD THEN FOLLOW YOUR LEAD WITH LOCAL
AGENCIES WHICH, WE BELIEVE, WE CAN NOW HOLD FOR REASONABLE
PERIOD WITH REFERRAL TO WASHINGTON OR PARTY. PLEASE ADVISE
IF DIFFERENT HANDLING IS DESIRED. PICKERING UNQUOTE HARTMAN

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